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MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The arrangements for the Duluth meeting of the Minnesota Library Association have been completed, and a conference of unusual interest is assured. The Wisconsin Library Association will meet in Superior at the same time, and two joint sessions will be held.

The meeting will open Wednesday evening, September 15th, when addresses of welcome will be given by representatives of the Duluth Library Board and President Bohannon of the Normal School, followed by the address of the president, Mr. Warren Upham, on Minnesota books and authors. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to an informal reception affording an opportunity for better acquaintance and for inspection of the Duluth library.

On Thursday morning, the meeting will be called to order promptly at 9:30. A brief business session will be held, after which problems of special importance to the small library will be considered. Miss

Margaret Palmer, who has just completed a most successful year at the Hibbing Public Library, will present the subject of The Public library and the immigrant, incidentally sketching library conditions in a typical mining town. A paper on Exhibits in the public library will be read by Miss Louise Fernald, of the Rochester Public Library. A round table discussion on non-essentials in library work, and other practical problems of small libraries will be conducted by Miss Miriam E. Carey, organizer of the Library Commission. At the same time a meeting of the traveling libraries section will be held under the leadership of Mrs. G. B. McPherson, of Stillwater, president of this section.

In the afternoon, the Wisconsin association will join Minnesota in a boulevard drive as the guests of Duluth. The two associations will dine together, probably at the boat club, and a public meeting will be held in the evening, when Mr. Henry E. Legler, Secretary of the Wisconsin Library Commission will deliver an address on American library conditions. Mr. Legler is the accredited representative of the American Library Association which for several years has sent an official visitor to the various state meetings.

On Friday morning, the Minnesota delegation will join Wisconsin as the guests of Superior in a boat excursion around the bay. In the afternoon another joint session held in Superior will consist of a book symposium

for discussion of the best recent books in various classes. The program announces the following interesting topics and speakers: Books of local interest, Mr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, Wisconsin Historical Society; Arts and crafts, Mrs. Seymour, Duluth; Reading for courage, Miss Lutie E. Stearns, Wisconsin Free Library Commission; Poetry, Rev. J. W. Powell, Duluth; Psycho-therapy, Mrs. Rogers, Superior; Children's books, Miss Mary Dousman, Milwaukee Public Library.

The students and instructors of the Minnesota Summer School will dine together at six-thirty for the purpose of forming a Summer School Association. The final session will be held in the evening, when Mr. C. G. Schulz, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will talk on the School and the library. A discussion on Library instruction in the Normal Schools will follow, in which the librarians of the State Normal Schools will participate.

The Trustees' round table will be conducted by Supt. J. A. Van Dyke, of Coleraine. Topics suggested for discussion are the cost of administration of the library building, use of the lecture room for clubs and classes and the relation of the librarian to the board of trustees.

On Saturday, September 18, there will be an excursion to Hibbing and the Iron Range. The party will leave Duluth at 7:40 a. m. on the Duluth, Missabe and Northern Ry. arriving at Hibbing at 10:56. It has been found impracticable to make arrangements to return the same day, as this would mean a very short stay in Hibbing and a two hour automobile ride to Virginia to take the Iron Range train, which would involve much expense and uncertainty.

A most cordial invitation has been issued by the librarian at Hibbing, who offers free entertainment over night, with a visit to the great Mahoning pit and an automobile ride to see all the sights. In a letter to the executive committee, Miss Palmer promises that the city council will lay 12 foot cement walks straight from the station to the library, and that the town en masse will meet the guests at the station with everything that can scream or snort or toot. Return can be made to Duluth, Sunday a. m., leaving Hibbing at 7:10 a. m. and reaching Duluth at 10:30

a. m., in ample time to take the afternoon trains for the Twin Cities. The only expense will be railroad fare from Duluth to Hibbing, which amounts to \$3.28 round trip.

The Spalding Hotel will be headquarters, where rates are \$1.50 per day, two in a room; \$2.00 per day, two in a room with bath. Other near-by hotels offer the following rates: St. Louis Hotel—Two in a room, \$.75 per day; two in a room with bath, \$1.00 per day. McKay Hotel—Two in a room, \$2.00 per day; two in a room with bath, \$2.50 per day. Meals may be obtained at any of these hotels on the European plan, or more cheaply at cafés.

The announcement of the meeting has been sent to every library in the state as well as to all members of the association, accompanied by a postcard to be filled out and returned to the librarian at Duluth. As it is important that all local arrangements, and especially the plans for the Range trip be completed at the earliest possible date, prompt response to this circular is urged. Any one planning to attend the meeting, who has not received a card, or who desires further information is asked to write to the chairman of the executive committee, Miss Clara F. Baldwin, The Capitol, St. Paul.

The most convenient train for Duluth from the Twin Cities is the N. P. leaving Minneapolis at 2:00 p. m. and St. Paul at 2:30 p. m., reaching Duluth at 7 p. m. It is especially desirable that all members should be present throughout the entire session, and it is suggested that those from the southern and western parts of the state who go via St. Paul or Minneapolis should plan to take this train. A special car may be provided if a sufficient number can be assured, and the chairman of the executive committee would be glad to have the names of those going at this time.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The A. L. A. Conference at Bretton Woods was a notable one in many respects. In size it ranks third in the history of the association, exceeding Minnetonka by about 100, the meetings at Magnolia and Narragansett Pier still occupying first and second place. The location, except for its distance from many library centers, was ideal.

Aside from the delightful walks, climbs and drives offered by the mountains in every direction, there were no outside distractions to interfere with the program, and the ample hotel accommodations, and perfection of all arrangements resulted in the accomplishment of the week's schedule with unprecedented smoothness and satisfaction. There were five general sessions, in addition to the usual meetings of sections and affiliated societies for discussion of their peculiar problems. The key-note of the conference struck by President Gould in his opening address was that of library co-ordination. He advocated "the selective distribution of books in distinctive libraries, a provision of information through card catalogs and otherwise, and means for finding exceptional or needed books with clearing-house and inter-library loan arrangements." The subject was further presented at the second general session in papers on Book storage for libraries with branches, Reservoir libraries, County libraries and Clearing-houses. A committee was provided for to report on this important subject. Other phases of co-ordination and co-operation were touched upon in the session on Library and school co-operation, and in the address by Mr. Chalmers Hadley, Indiana, on The trend of library commission work, given in behalf of the League of Library Commissions.

At the final session, Dr. S. M. Crothers, well-known in Minnesota, and for seven years a resident of St. Paul, gave what was universally conceded to be the most delightful address of the entire meeting. It was entitled A fairy tale for librarians, and gave an account of a convention of books for the purpose of discussing their readers. A book-symposium on Recent books for boys was conducted by Arthur E. Bostwick, New York Public Library, at which Everett T. Tomlinson, the well-known writer of books for boys discussed Historical stories, and a paper on Stories of adventure, by Kirk Munroe, was read by W. P. Cutter.

The children's librarians' section devoted one meeting to a symposium on story-telling, and another to a comprehensive report on the instruction in the work with children given in library schools and summer schools.

One of the most popular programs of the week was that of the League of Library

Commissions, which consisted of a series of personal experiences of work in the field. Graphic pictures of commission work in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri and New Jersey were presented, and Miss Titcomb of the Washington Co. Free Library gave a charming account of a day's journey "On the trail of the book-wagon."

One of the most important results of the 1909 conference was the adoption of the new constitution, and the establishment of the A. L. A. headquarters in Chicago. The Chicago Public Library offered the use of an excellent room for an indefinite period and the Chicago Library Club agreed to be responsible to the A. L. A. for the furnishings and fittings of the room and the removal of the offices from Boston. These offers were accepted by the Executive Board and A. L. A. headquarters will be transferred to Chicago, September 1st. The new constitution provides for a strong Executive Board, which elects a permanent secretary and treasurer in common for the association and its publishing board. Mr. Chalmers Hadley, who has been secretary of the Indiana Library Commission since 1906, was unanimously elected to this office. It is hoped "that not only will the Chicago headquarters become in fullest effectiveness the central ganglion of library organization, but that it may also become a place of visitation and meeting which will bring together in personal relationship, librarians from all parts of the country."

Although there were no formal social functions, the social side of the conference was not neglected. In addition to the usual dinners given by the various library schools, the location of practically all of the delegates in one hotel made possible numerous informal gatherings and several evenings were devoted to dancing, when the magnificent ballroom and excellent music were fully appreciated.

Wednesday was entirely free for the ascent of Mt. Washington or other excursions. The ascent was accomplished by means of a cog-railroad, an experience worth while in itself, while the panoramic view of "all the world" was something long to be remembered. As this trip took but half a day, those who went up in the morning had the afternoon free for other diversions, and vice-versa, and the day of recreation in the midst

of the week proved a most acceptable break in the program. Those who remained over Sunday, July 4th, had an opportunity for a delightful trip through the Franconia region, with a view of the Old Man of the Mountain, a visit to Echo and Profile lakes, the Flume and the Pool. Seventy of the A. L. A. delegates took the post-conference coaching and shore trip under Mr. Faxon's direction. This included a drive through the White Mountains stopping at Gorham and Intervale, with picnics, walks, and occasional mountain-climbing to add to the pleasure of the journey. From Intervale, the party went to Portsmouth, N. H., by train, thence by ferry and electric car to Ogunquit, Me., where three delightful days were spent in visiting historic landmarks and walks along the beach. On the last evening of the trip there was a final celebration when Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, Mr. George Jay Smith and Mr. Nathan Haskell Dole, whose summer homes are in this locality, were present and entertained the party during the evening with witty verses and stories.

Those attending the conference from Minnesota were John E. King, State Librarian, Mrs. Helen J. McCaine and Miss Maud Smith, of the St. Paul Public Library, Misses Katharine Patten, Josephine Cloud, Lois Jordan and Lucy C. Dinsmore, of the Minneapolis Public Library; Miss L. May Brooks, of the University Library; Miss Maud Van Buren, Mankato Public Library; Mr. H. W. Wilson, Minneapolis, and Miss Clara F. Baldwin and Miss Miriam E. Carey, of the Library Commission. Of this number, Mrs. McCaine, Miss Smith, Miss Cloud and Miss Jordan took the post-conference trip.

Minnesota was represented on the program by Mr. King, who gave a paper at the meeting of the National Association of State Libraries on The function of the state library, when its activities are restricted to the service of the state government and Mr. Wilson, of Minneapolis, who presented a paper on Clearing houses at one of the general sessions.

No decision was reached as to place and date of the next conference, as this will be decided by the Executive Board with reference to the International congress of archivists and librarians to be held next August at Brussels, in which it was voted to participate with as large a delegation as can be

arranged. Invitations received from Pasadena, Cal., Denver, Col., and Cedar Rapids, Ia., were referred to the Executive Board.

The officers for 1909-10 are: president, N. D. C. Hodges, Cincinnati; vice-presidents, J. I. Wyer, Jr., New York, Alice S. Tyler, Iowa; secretary and treasurer, Chalmers Hadley.

SUMMER SCHOOL, 1909.

The summer school of 1909 opened June 21, and the usual six-weeks' course was given, closing July 30th. During the absence of the director in attendance at the A. L. A. meeting, the school was in charge of Miss Martha Wilson, librarian of the Commission, who also gave the instruction in cataloging and the lectures on reference work, periodicals and binding.

The course in cataloging included fourteen lessons with practice work to illustrate the principles of cataloging most important in a small collection of books. Six lectures and seminars on reference work covered study of the most indispensable reference books for a small library with practical problems in the use of the books themselves.

Miss Harriet Wood, Librarian of the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Public Library, gave ten lectures on book selection during the first two weeks of the school. As a foundation for the work, Miss Wood asked each student to prepare a report showing the library, educational and economic conditions in her town, and her own experience and education. In the lectures, Miss Wood not only emphasized the cardinal principles of book-selection, but discussed actual books in each class, and found time for individual conference with each student regarding her special problems. Her own enthusiasm, and unusual book-sense stimulated the class to more and better reading, and every member went home with new inspiration for raising the standard of reading in her community.

The lectures on order and accession were given by Miss Miriam E. Carey, organizer of the Commission, Miss Carey also gave the instruction in classification, including ten lessons on the Decimal Classification with practice work and three talks on Public Documents, treating briefly their selection, care and arrangement in a small library.

Miss Clara F. Baldwin, the director of the school, gave lectures on the A. L. A., Library Commissions, Administration and Library extension.

As usual, the visits to libraries were an important part of the course. The trip to Stillwater was made on Saturday, July 10th, following the usual program: a trolley ride to Stillwater library, an hour or more at the library, dinner at the Keystone house as the guests of Mrs. McPherson, then a launch ride down Lake St. Croix to visit the library at Hudson, Wis. The day was perfect and the party accomplished the unusual feat of carrying out the program on schedule time.

An afternoon was given to the Minneapolis Public Library, when Miss Countryman personally conducted the class through all departments. Since the Minneapolis library now has its own well-equipped bindery, all the processes of book-making were demonstrated by the expert binder in charge, so that this visit took the place of the usual visit to the bindery.

Another afternoon excursion was made to the Handicraft Guild of Minneapolis. After inspection of the many beautiful things in the sales-room, refreshments were served in the tea-room and the remainder of the afternoon was profitably spent in Mr. Brooks' book-shop, browsing among beautiful editions, autograph copies, and rare prints.

Saturday, July 24th, was St. Paul day. After spending most of the morning at the St. Paul Public Library, a brief visit to the Waldorf bindery was made on the way to the St. Paul Dispatch, where Miss Hohler explained the use of their library and information bureau. After luncheon together at the Dispatch lunch-room, the party narrowly escaped dispersal among the Saturday afternoon bargain-counters, but was re-assembled at last and safely conducted to the Capitol. Mr. Upham gave a brief talk on the work of the Historical Society, and showed the treasures in the museum; the beauties of the Capitol were leisurely inspected, and the class were introduced to the mysteries of the Commission office and the working of the traveling library department.

In addition to these official visits, the members of the class visited the Agricul-

tural School, the Pillsbury Branch Library and the Walker art gallery.

A picnic at Minnehaha Falls, an informal "at home" at the Delta Gamma house, which was library headquarters and numerous trips to the lakes, served to promote acquaintance, and develop a strong class spirit.

The following students were registered:

Ida L. Blomquist, Librarian, Cleveland High School, St. Paul.

Amanda Ekern, Assistant, P. L. Minneapolis.

Margaret Fawcett, Assistant Librarian, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.

Nellie B. Gregg, Librarian, P. L., Northfield.

William Hamilton, Assistant, P. L., Minneapolis.

Kathleen D. Hynes, Assistant N. Branch Library, Minneapolis.

Teckla Jackson, Librarian, Public School Library, Eveleth.

Clara A. Jehle, Librarian, P. L., Lindstrom.

Beatrice Mills, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Bemidji.

Clara L. Oakley, Librarian, P. L., Buffalo.

Lillian Partridge, Assistant Librarian, Normal School, Valley City, N. D.

Lulu Phelps, Assistant Librarian, P. L., Deadwood, S. D.

Ana Thomas, Apprentice, P. L., Minneapolis.

Elizabeth Thorson, Apprentice, P. L., Minneapolis.

Eloise Truesdale, Apprentice, P. L., Minneapolis.

Ruth Vandyke, Librarian, High School, Coleraine.

Mary L. Wood, Librarian, P. L. Bois , Idaho.

Summer School Association.

The 1909 session completes the tenth year of the Minnesota Summer School. In this time there have been 140 students enrolled, of whom 53 are still engaged in library work in our own state, 10 in the Dakotas and 12 in more distant states, while two are now attending regular library schools.

With this large number of students in our immediate vicinity, the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the school would seem to be a fitting time to organize a Summer School Association and it is expected that such an organization may be effected at the Duluth meeting of the M. L. A. Special in-

itations will be sent to every former student, and it is hoped that this may prove an additional inducement for attendance at the Duluth meeting.

AIDS FOR LIBRARIANS.

Anniversaries and holidays. An edition of the pamphlet entitled *Anniversaries and holidays*, references and suggestions for picture bulletins edited by Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine and published by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, has been issued for the League of Library Commissions with League imprint and cover. The Minnesota Commission will have a supply for distribution in the state. The pamphlet contains an introduction on the general subject of observance of anniversaries, some practical notes on boards and mounts, a list of general reference books for seasons, customs and holidays, sources of illustrative material, and a calendar with full list of references. It will be an invaluable tool for librarians in preparing bulletins and reading lists for special days.

A. L. A. Booklist. Volume 5 of the A. L. A. Booklist closed with the June number, and the index and title page will be sent out with the September number. The new volume will begin with the September number and close with the number for June, 1910. There will be no numbers published in July and August. Attention is again called to the importance of preserving a file of this indispensable aid in book-selection, classification and cataloging. Every library should have a set bound for reference, and to serve as a supplement to the A. L. A. catalog. The Commission is constantly receiving requests for missing numbers, but it is impossible to supply them, as many numbers are out of print. Librarians are reminded that the Commission is always glad to receive stray duplicate copies which may enable some library to complete its file.

Books on Industrial Arts. The public library of Waterloo, Iowa, has issued an excellent Selected list of books on industrial arts. The librarian will be glad to supply a copy upon receipt of one cent for postage.

Nature Study List. The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences has issued a list of books upon nature study in the Children's Museum Library, an annotated list selected

with special reference to school gardening and other related work in the vacation schools of Greater New York. The Commission has a limited supply for distribution, and will send a copy upon application to any librarian in the state who is interested in this branch of work.

The American Association for International Conciliation will be glad to see that its documents are sent regularly to your library without charge upon receipt of word that this will be acceptable to the library and that the documents will be regularly accessioned, catalogued and placed at the disposal of readers. These documents are now being sent regularly to more than 1,000 libraries throughout the United States and Canada.

The documents thus far issued by the Association are as follows:

1. Program of Association for International Conciliation, by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant.
2. Results of the National Arbitration and Peace Congress, by Andrew Carnegie.
3. A League of Peace, by Andrew Carnegie.
4. The Results of the Second Hague Conference, by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant and David J. Hill.
5. The Work of the Second Hague Conference, by James Brown Scott.
6. The Possibilities of Intellectual Co-operation between North and South America, by Professor L. S. Rowe.
7. America and Japan, by Professor George Trumbull Ladd.
8. The Sanction of International Law, by Elihu Root.
9. The United States and France, by Barrett Wendell.
10. The Approach of the Two Americas, by Joaquim Nabuco.
11. The United States and Canada, by J. S. Willison.
12. The Policy of the United States and Japan in the Far East.
13. European Sobriety in the Presence of the Balkan Crisis, by Charles Austin Beard.
14. The Logic of International Co-operation, by F. W. Hirst.
15. American Ignorance of Oriental Languages, by Rev. Dr. J. H. De Forest.
16. America and the New Diplomacy, by James Brown Scott.
17. The Delusion of Militarism, by Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson.
18. Address by the Honorable Elihu Root.
19. The United States and China, by Welch W. Yen.
20. Opening Address at Mohonk Conference, Nicholas Murray Butler.

Address F. P. Keppel, Secretary, Substation 84, New York City.

EXHIBITS.

The exhibit of etchings loaned by Frederick Keppel & Co., of New York, which started on its travels in Minnesota last October, visited ten different towns and has now been returned to its owners. Another collection has been promised for the coming season which will be chosen to illustrate the various classes of prints, such as etchings, engravings, dry-point, etc. This will be on exhibition first at the M. L. A. meeting in Duluth. As a number of libraries which applied for the collection last winter were not reached, the new collection will be sent first to these libraries, and there are already therefore four places on the waiting list.

Mr. Edmond D. Brooks, of Minneapolis, has also kindly offered to the Commission the use of a collection of original drawings by English illustrators, which will be circulated throughout the state on the same terms as the former collection, namely the express charges one way.

The Commission collection of sketches of Venice by Hopkinson Smith has visited thirteen places and has proved a very popular exhibit. There are still nine names on the waiting list.

Another exhibit recently obtained by the Commission is a set of 24 water-color reprints, showing the history and development of the U. S. navy. These will be of special interest to boys and will be accompanied by a reading-list on the navy.

All these collections will be on exhibition at the Duluth meeting, and librarians desiring to obtain any or all of them during the coming season, are requested to write to the Commission at once, so that the circuit may be arranged to the best advantage.

PERSONAL.

John E. King, State Librarian, was elected president of the National Association of State Libraries at the recent meeting at Bretton Woods. This association is affiliated with the A. L. A. and holds its meetings at the time and place of the A. L. A. meeting, although maintaining an independent organization.

Miss Margaret J. Evans, Chairman of the Minnesota Public Library Commission, has returned from her year abroad and will

make her home at Northfield, devoting her time to many educational and philanthropic interests.

Miss Ethel Simmons, Pratt Institute, 1909, has been appointed assistant in the cataloging department of the Minneapolis Public Library.

Miss Katherine Steele, who served as librarian at Red Wing during 1907-8, Pratt Institute, 1909, has been elected librarian of the Hearst Free Library, Lead, S. D.

Miss Grace Foland, librarian of the Benson Public library, will enter the Wisconsin Library School in the fall.

Miss Augusta Starr, Minnesota Summer School, 1907, formerly librarian of the High School library at Glencoe, will attend Pratt Institute Library School during 1909-10.

INSTITUTION NOTES

Under the auspices of the Library Commission, the library of the State Reformatory at St. Cloud has been classified and a finding list prepared which brought the book titles and the subject headings into one alphabet. It is something of a problem to decide on the simplest form of call number to be used by men in such institutions, in which the readers can have no access to shelves. The call number used at St. Cloud consists of the class number (three figures only) and the accession number. The librarian in charge, Mr. O. C. Page reports that the "new system" is working well.

At Owatonna where the State Public School is located, the library is once more in running order, after having been closed for more than two years in consequence of a destructive fire. During the summer months this library has been carried on by Miss Merrill, the daughter of the superintendent of the institution. Just previous to Miss Merrill's return, the library was completely re-organized and a goodly number of attractive books were placed at the disposal of the readers, who were extremely eager for them, partly on account of the long period which had elapsed since there had been regular issues of books. Miss Harris, one of the teachers will have charge after Sept. first, and we hope to publish from time to time, reports indicating the kind of reading done by the children.

The School for the Blind has for years carried on a most successful system of book circulation among the former students of the school and other adult blind persons. The work of completing the accessioning of the two libraries in this institution, and of classifying them and in other ways rounding out the library system, has recently been completed by the Commission. There are two collections of books here, one in "ink print" to the number of over 1,400 volumes, and the other in New York point and other types for the blind, which includes over 2,500 books and pamphlets.

Ultimately there will be a dictionary catalog to complete the introduction of what the superintendent considers "standard" methods. It is a great satisfaction to the Commission to have these methods endorsed by one who has had so much practical experience with books as Dr. Dow.

The library at the Institution for Feeble-minded will be assisted by the Commission later in the season. A large use of the books has been brought about here through the wisdom of Miss McLean, the school principal. It is interesting to note that the books these children like the best, are the same that are the favorites of those more fortunate.

A dictionary catalog is contemplated for the School for the Deaf. The library there has already been classified. It consists of a good general collection, with a working basis of those "easy books" so essential to the deaf in their struggle to gain command of the language.

M. E. C.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES.

Akeley. Mr. Fletcher L. Walker has donated 125 new books to the Akeley Public Library.

Bemidji. The contract for the Carnegie building has been let, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The original gift of \$10,000 has been increased to \$12,500.

Benson. An addition of fifty new books was made to the library through the efforts of several members of the board, who secured these as a premium by assisting a representative of the Minneapolis Journal in obtaining subscriptions.

Biwabik. A public reading-room has been opened in the village hall, where a large number of newspapers and magazines are on file. The room was furnished by the council upon recommendation of the Commercial club.

Blue Earth. Bird day was observed at the library on Saturday, June 12. Bird books and bulletins were displayed, bird legends and stories were told and the reading rooms were filled with interested children.

Brown's Valley. A ball game between the married and single men added \$35 to the library treasury.

Coleraine. The village council has accepted the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a library building, and a library board has been appointed. The site was donated by the Oliver Iron Mining Co. F. W. Kinney, of Minneapolis, has been chosen as architect.

Crookston. Over \$200 was raised for the library by tag day August 5th. The money will probably be used in furnishing the rest room in the basement.

Detroit. Mr. E. G. Holmes has made the library association an offer of a building site which has been accepted.

Summer guests were invited to use the library upon deposit of \$1 to be refunded at the close of the season if all books have been returned.

Duluth. The library established by the Twentieth Century club in the West end is proving very popular. This was first started in the basement of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, but permanent club rooms have now been opened. The librarian reports that during one month over 900 boys and girls used the reading rooms and that over 600 books were loaned.

Recent important gifts to the library are 75 Swedish books from Charles H. Graves, the American ambassador to Sweden, who was for many years a resident of Duluth, and 11 volumes of the Transactions of the Institute of Mining Engineers, 1887-1895, from W. A. McGonagle.

Fairmont. Pupils of the Fairmont schools, residing outside the district, are permitted to borrow books from the library free of charge, during vacation as well as during the school term.

Fergus Falls. The High School class of 1909, having \$100 left in its treasury, voted to give this amount to the public library to be spent for historical works.

An exhibition of paintings by Mr. G. Adolph Anderson was held at the library during August.

Granite Falls. The public library was opened early in June, when 100 new books were placed on the shelves. Miss Martha Wilson, librarian of the Commission spent two days in Granite Falls assisting Mrs. Cressy, the librarian in classifying the books.

Hibbing. One hundred Finnish books have been added to the library this summer. The library has made a special effort to obtain trade and technical books for young men who want to advance in their work. Packages of popular magazines which have been given to the library are offered to any one who asks for them. Men doing Sunday duty at the machine shops and steam engines find these help to pass the time while on guard duty.

Howard Lake. The Library and Improvement Club gave a flower show at the village hall August 25th. Seeds had been distributed to the school children early in the season, and a remarkably fine display of flowers was made, transforming the hall into a veritable garden. Refreshments were served and in the evening a musical program was given. Miss Baldwin of the Commission gave a brief talk on the importance of the library as a part of village improvement.

Kalavala. The librarian of the traveling library at Kalavala, reports that the local library of 152 volumes mostly in Finnish, with 169 borrowers, had a circulation of 960 during the past year. The books were imported from Finland at a cost of \$100, this amount being raised by the young people by entertainments.

Litchfield. The county board of Meeker Co. appropriated \$150 to the public library at its July meeting. In return the library will be open to the entire county.

Former Secretary of State Peter E. Hanson recently presented to the library, thirty-two colored plates of birds, neatly framed. A fine white swan is another recent gift from E. O. Hammer and C. H. March.

Mapleton. The library building is nearing completion, and promises to be satisfactory in every respect.

Marshall. The grounds around the library have been graded and laid out by a landscape gardener, and it has been found necessary to erect an iron fence to protect the lawn.

Minneapolis. The library board has decided to erect a new branch building on the North Side, which will take the place of the branch which has been maintained for several years at Unity House.

The Athenaeum Library has obtained a very valuable set of "The North American Indian," by Frederick Webb Hodge, of the Smithsonian Institution. The work consists of 20 volumes of text, and 20 supplemental portfolios, each portfolio containing 36 large pictures illustrating Indian life and ceremonials.

The city council has voted to appropriate \$500 for a municipal library to contain material on city government and statistics of interest to students of municipal affairs.

New Richland. The school library magazines have been kept at the public library during vacation, where they have been loaned to pupils and other patrons of the library.

North Mankato. The council has appropriated \$100 to the public library. The library board has purchased a one-story frame building for \$100 and has secured permission from the village council to move it to the lot occupied by the village hall. The building is a new one, 22x30 feet and can be easily adapted to library purposes. The library has hitherto been located in very crowded quarters in the school house.

Northfield. The plans for the Carnegie library have been accepted and the contract has been let. The building will be 56 feet front by 36 feet deep, and will be of brick with Bedford stone trimmings. The interior will be practically all one room, with shelving around the walls and total book capacity of 10,656 volumes.

Ortonville. The Mandolin, Glee and Tourist Clubs gave a concert on June 1st for the benefit of the library, and cleared \$63.30.

Owatonna. The library has begun the circulation of several popular magazines as three-day books, with a fine of five cents per day if kept over time.

Park Rapids. Work on the Carnegie building was begun in July, and it is expected that the building will be completed by November 1st.

Paynesville. One hundred and seventy-five new books were added to the library during the summer.

Preston. The council has passed a resolution to furnish a site, and make an appropriation of \$800 a year for the library, if the sum of \$8,000 is given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie for a building.

The receipts of tag-day amounted to \$41.65.

Redwood Falls. The library has adopted the plan of circulating back numbers of periodicals on the seven-day book plan.

Rochester. The library building has been re-decorated throughout for the first time since its completion in 1897. A new case for the renting collection and new shelves for the circulating magazines have been added.

Important gifts to the library are a painting by Huber Bastian, who gave \$5,000 toward the library building fund, and files of the Rochester Post from its beginning to the year 1889, from Mrs. J. A. Leonard; and a copy of Universal facsimile manuscripts from Mrs. Margaret Brackenridge.

Thief River Falls. One hundred and ten books have been added to the library through the renewal of subscriptions to the Minneapolis Journal.

Two Harbors. The Carnegie library at Two Harbors was formally dedicated on July 20th. The exercises were held in the Swedish Lutheran church just across the street, which in spite of the downpour of rain was filled to its capacity. Dr. J. D. Budd, president of the library board, presided and gave a history of the establishment and development of the library, supplemented by Mr. W. B. Woodward, secretary of the board, who had culled from the records and newspaper files many interesting reminiscences of the vicissitudes through which the library had passed in its early struggles for existence. Several musical numbers were given, and the dedicatory ad-

dress was delivered by Mayor M. K. Knauft. Following the program, the audience adjourned to the library where a reception was held and light refreshments were served.

The building was designed by Austin Terryberry, of Duluth, and is built of pressed brick, trimmed with red cut sandstone. The main floor is all in one room, 56x44 feet, with book-cases so placed as to separate the book-room and librarian's room. It is completely equipped with Library Bureau furniture, and the interior is most attractive with its oak woodwork, beamed ceiling, brick fire-place in the main reading-room, and beautiful children's corner with low tables and chairs, and cork bulletin boards above the shelving which surrounds the room. In the basement are two club-rooms with folding doors, so that they may be thrown together into one large room when desirable.

Miss Stella Hanson, of Mankato, Wisconsin Library School, 1909, is librarian and began her work with the opening of the new building.

Waseca. The Improvement League gave to the pupils of the schools from the sixth to eighth grades tickets entitling them to the free use of books from the library between July 6th and September 6th. This is a step in the right direction, and there would seem to be no reason why this privilege could not be granted all the year round.

Willmar. A file of the Willmar Tribune, well bound, has been presented to the library by the editor, making a splendid nucleus for a local history collection.

Winnebago. Tag-day for the library was held in June, the proceeds amounting to \$65.50. In the evening a reception was given at the library by the Library Board. An entertainment given by the Fortnightly Musical Club brought in \$45, so that the board has been enabled to pay all debts, and has a balance in the treasury of about \$40 for the purchase of new books. The present income from the one mill tax just about pays current expenses.

Dr. Vaughan gave an instructive talk at the library one evening in July on the care of the patient in the sick room.